REMARKS

Claims 1-31 were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-27 without prejudice, and added new Claims 32-44. Accordingly, Claims 28-44 are presented herein for examination.

Applicant submits that the foregoing claims define patentable subject matter, and accordingly are in condition for allowance.

Applicant hereby specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of different or broader scope in a continuation or divisional application.

Applicant notes that any cancellations, or additions made herein are made solely for the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention, and not for purposes of overcoming art or for patentability. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such cancellations or additions.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that may be resolved over the telephone. he is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 675-1670.

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